

Notice of Allowability

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 5/21/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 4-7.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
- ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
- ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
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- ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
- ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

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Claims 4-7 are allowed.

The following is an Examiner's statement for reasons for allowance.

Consider **claim 4**, the best prior art of record found during the examination of the present application, **Johansson et al (US Patent #6,954,644 B2)** in view of **Kingdon et al (WO 00/21326)** and in further view of **Hua Chen (European Patent Application #1 030 531 A1)**, fail to specifically disclose issuing a cell identifier signal, a fixed delay, and a search window width from the repeater in response to a positioning request from the mobile station, wherein the cell identifier signal is searched in a time range defined by the search window width and the fixed delay; the mobile station measuring a Time Difference of Arrival (TDOA) between the cell identifier signal and a base station pilot signal and reporting the measured TDOA; determining whether the value of TDOA equals to the fixed delay; measuring a Time of Arrival (TOA), TOA_m , from the mobile station to the base station through the repeater; determining a value of TOA_{trans} with the formula: $TOA_{trans} = TOA_m - TOA_c$, wherein the TOA_{trans} means TOA from the mobile station to the repeater, and the TOA_c means a calibrated TOA from the repeater to the base station; and calculating the distance between the mobile station and the repeater through multiplying TOA_{trans} with light velocity.

Claims 5-7 are allowable because they are dependent upon claim 1.

These teachings clearly differ from the claimed invention; therefore, claims 4-7 of the present application are considered novel and nonobvious over the prior art and, consequently, are allowed.

Conclusion

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Bobbak Safaipoor whose telephone number is (571) 270-1092. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:00am to 5:00pm.

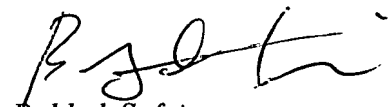
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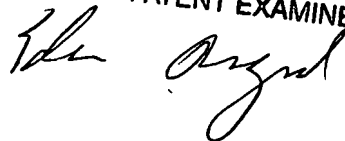
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